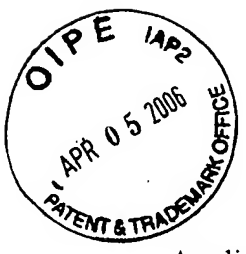


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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006 in the above-identified application. All claims have been rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and traverse.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

Transmitted herewith are copies of 11 references discussed herein, Patent Office forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B (3pp.) listing these references, and a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants also call the Examiner's attention to co-pending U.S. Application 09/633,516, which corresponds to WO/00 34317 appended hereto.

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